

# THE GOLDEN YEARS

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Older people tend to keep giving to charities even when they worry about their own financial future, according to a survey of American patterns of giving and volunteering. The survey found that contributions by all United States households average 1.5 percent of income. People were asked, among other things, if they were worried about having enough money for the future, and 56 percent of those who contribute to charities said yes. Among them, only people 65 or over gave an average of two percent or more of their household income to charity. The survey was sponsored by the Independent Sector, a coalition of corporate, foundation and volunteer organization which seeks to increase the level of contributions and volunteering.

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Don Drake, of Big Cove, Alabama, is cited as a model giver and volunteer. He gives \$10 a week to his church from his \$300 monthly Social Security check and spends two hours a day delivering lunches to shut-ins. Drake is 86.

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Remember When? - April 12, 1961-- Moscow Radio Broadcast a news bulletin announcing that Russia had successfully launched a man into space. His name: Yuri Gagarin. The world's first astronaut made history with a once-around-the-earth orbit.

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## Requirement

Any entity that receives government or public funds from any source must now sign a Mountainlands Association of Governments resolution guaranteeing it is a drug-free organization. If an employee has a drug or alcohol problem, it is the organization's responsibility to provide help. If the employee refuses to participate or cooperate in a rehabilitation program, he or she must be dismissed.

## Irrigation Costs

Heber City last year collected a little more than \$2,500 from irrigation water users but had related expenses amounting to more than \$9,400. Mendenhall objects to spending about \$7,000 of money belonging to citizens who don't use irrigation water to subsidize the few who do.

Irrigation ditches belong to the City and used to help control flooding before the flood channel was built. However, now the City doesn't need the ditches and is considering either turning over the responsibility of maintaining the ditches to users or charging them what it actually costs the City.

Mendenhall has found records indicating the water users are responsible for the ditches. However, the City has received complaints that the property owners have not kept the ditches cleaned out, so the

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"We are living in the mist of a revolution -- a longevity revolution," says Dr. Lydia Bronte, director of the Carnegie Foundation's Aging Society Project. America's focus on youth will change, she said, with the continuing increase in life expectancy -- from 47 years for those born in 1900 to 75 years for those born in the 1980s. As the number of older people increases so will the proportion of women, who outlive men by an average of seven or eight years.

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It isn't true that intelligence automatically declines as one ages, says the National Institute on Aging. According to the Institute, "Intelligence per se does not decline without reason. Most people maintain their intellect or improve as they grow older."

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Remember When? December 7, 1921 -- Representatives of Britain and Ireland signed a treaty establishing the relationship between Britain and the Irish Free State. A British official pointed out that the treaty was signed in the same room at 10 Downing Street where, almost a century and a half earlier, British statesmen "in fateful and melancholy discussions" concluded that "the American colonies were lost."

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ike, worth \$70, was reported stolen from a Wallburg residence on June 6.

A pit bull owner was warned to keep her dog under control after it allegedly attacked and injured another dog, June 10 in Charleston.

each involving a \$20 check, against Jason R. Hundley, 25, Salt Lake City, were dismissed. He then plead guilty to one Class A Misdemeanor charge of forgery, reduced from a Third Degree Felony. The charge also involved a \$20 check made out to a Heber City business in November, 1987.

## oins Plan Flow

This water will be rediverted at the Olmsted Division Dam for use by the Salt Lake City Water Conservancy District, which will pay only for water it uses and at the same price the Bureau of Reclamation paid, up to \$50 per acre foot, Christensen explained.